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The mission of the Michigan Association of Treatment Court Professionals is to provide leadership to treatment courts in the State of Michigan.

State Representatives Pscholka and Singh,

On behalf of the Michigan Association of Treatment Court Professionals, I am submitting this letter in support of House Bills 5649 and 5650; expanding the immunity granted to Good Samaritans who are assisting someone suffering from a drug overdose. Our members are acutely aware of the current opiate/heroin epidemic affecting our communities. This legislation will serve as another weapon in our fight to stop both drug abuse and to provide treatment for those suffering from addiction.

Like you, we believe that this legislation is smart about crime and saves lives. We also understand that addiction does not discriminate; it affects all of us. We must do what we can to limit the damage it inflicts on individuals and our community.

Sincerely,

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